

WHAT IS SAMM?

Skim Akreditasi Makmal Malaysia (SAMM) is a national laboratory accreditation scheme set up by the Government on 15 August 1990.

- SAMM is open to any testing or calibration laboratories irrespective of its application – private, government or in-house.
- SAMM is managed by the Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA).
- SAMM accredits almost every testing facility and technology – from chemical testing to engineering.
- SAMM only accredits those facilities that meet all its criteria for testing competence and sound laboratory practice.
- SAMM rigorously examines and re-examines every accredited facility at regular intervals.
- SAMM promotes the interests of laboratories and their clients locally and in overseas markets.

OBJECTIVES OF SAMM

- to grant formal recognition to laboratories with proven capability and competence in specific fields of calibration and/or testing.
- to reduce the need for multiple assessments on laboratories.
- to upgrade the status and standard of calibration and testing laboratories in the country.
- to promote the acceptance, both in Malaysia and overseas, of calibrations and tests performed by SAMM-accredited laboratories.

RECOGNITION

Malaysia, through STANDARDS MALAYSIA has been accepted into the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (APLAC MRA) in the field of testing on 14 November 2002. This historic occasion took place in Vancouver, Canada. A year later, its status as signatory of the MRA has been extended to include calibration with effect from 13 November 2003.


In addition to this, Malaysia has also been accepted into the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) in the field of testing on 16 January 2003.

Meanwhile for the field of calibration, Malaysia has been accepted into the ILAC MRA on 19 November 2003.


This entry into the ILAC MRA signifies international endorsement of confidence on the competence and integrity of laboratory accreditation provided by STANDARDS MALAYSIA. The signing of the ILAC MRA further enhances STANDARDS MALAYSIA's role as the national accreditation body within the country's conformity assessment infrastructure.

Full members of ILAC;


ARGENTINA

	Organismo Argentino de Acreditacion (OAA)	ILAC MRA
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AUSTRALIA

	National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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AUSTRIA

	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit (BMWA)	ILAC MRA
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BELGIUM

	Belgian Organisation for Accreditation (BELAC)	ILAC MRA
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BRAZIL

	Coordenação Geral de Credenciamento General Coordination for Accreditation (CGCRE/INMETRO)	ILAC MRA
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CANADA

	Standards Council of Canada (SCC)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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CHINA

	China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment (CNAS)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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COSTA RICA

	Ente costarricense de acreditación (ECA)	ILAC MRA
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CUBA

	National Accreditation Body of Republica de Cuba (ONARC)	ILAC MRA
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CZECH REPUBLIC

	Czech Accreditation Institute (CAI)	ILAC MRA
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DENMARK

	Danish Accreditation (DANAK)	ILAC MRA
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EGYPT

	National Laboratories Accreditation Bureau (NLAB)	ILAC MRA
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FINLAND

	Finnish Accreditation Service (FINAS)	ILAC MRA
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FRANCE

	Comité Français d'Accréditation (COFRAC)	ILAC MRA
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GERMANY

	Deutscher Akkreditierungs Rat (DAR)	ILAC MRA
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GREECE

	Hellenic Accreditation Council (ESYD)	ILAC MRA
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INDIA

	National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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INDONESIA

	National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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IRELAND

	Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB)	ILAC MRA
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ISRAEL


	Israel Laboratory Accreditation Authority (ISRAC)	ILAC MRA
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ITALY


	Sistema Nazionale per l'Accreditamento di Laboratori (SINAL)	ILAC MRA
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	Servizio di Taratura in Italia (SIT)	ILAC MRA
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JAPAN

	International Accreditation Japan (IA Japan)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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	The Japan Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (JAB)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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	Voluntary EMC Laboratory Accreditation Center INC (VLAC)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

	Korea Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (KOLAS)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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MALAYSIA

	Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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MEXICO

	entidad mexicana de acreditación, a.c. (ema)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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NETHERLANDS

	Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA)	ILAC MRA
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NEW ZEALAND

	International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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NORWAY

	Norwegian Accreditation (NA)	ILAC MRA
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PHILIPPINES

	Philippines Accreditation Office (PAO)	APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA
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POLAND

	Polish Centre for Accreditation (PCA)	ILAC MRA
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ROMANIA

	Romanian Accreditation Association (RENAR)	ILAC MRA
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SINGAPORE



Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA

SLOVAKIA



Slovak National Accreditation Service (SNAS)

ILAC MRA

SLOVENIA



Slovenian Accreditation (SA)

ILAC MRA

SOUTH AFRICA



South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)

ILAC MRA

SPAIN



Entidad Nacional de Acreditacion (ENAC)

ILAC MRA

SWEDEN



Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (SWEDAC)

ILAC MRA

SWITZERLAND



Swiss Accreditation Service (SAS)

ILAC MRA

CHINESE TAIPEI



Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF)

APLAC MRA

THAILAND



The Bureau of Laboratory Quality Standards, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand (BLQS-DMSc)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA



Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA



Bureau of Laboratory Accreditation, Department of Science Service, Ministry of Science and Technology (BLA-DSS)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA

TURKEY



Turkish Accreditation Agency (TÜRKAK)

ILAC MRA

UNITED KINGDOM



United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)

ILAC MRA

USA



American Association for Lab Accreditation (A2LA)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA



International Accreditation Service, Inc (IAS)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA



National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP)

APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA



Assured Calibration and Laboratory Select Services (ACLASS)

ILAC MRA

VIETNAM



Bureau of Accreditation (BoA)

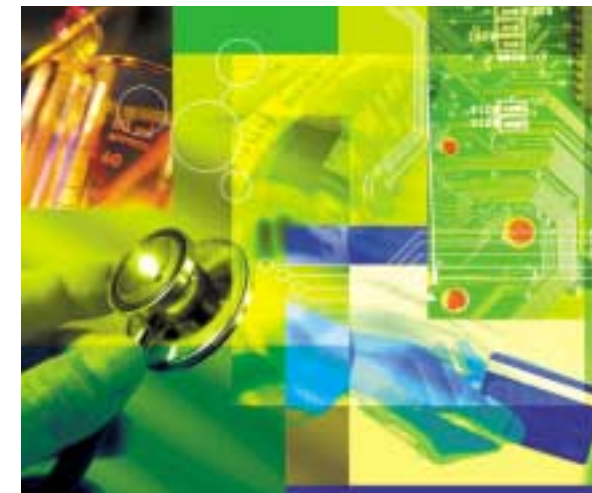
APLAC MRA + ILAC MRA

IMPORTANCE OF ACCREDITATION

SAMM Accreditation signifies two things to you, the client:

- The laboratory has the ability and competence to do specific tests, measurements or calibrations.
- The laboratory undergoes regular independent audits to help ensure it is providing the best possible service to you.

It is this initial and on-going evaluation of a laboratory by SAMM that gives you confidence in quality of service and validity of test data. Test reports from SAMM accredited laboratory are recognised worldwide.



SKIM AKREDITASI MAKMAL MALAYSIA (SAMM)

Recognition

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